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(54) BUILDER FOR DETERGENT AND DETERGENT COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE SAME

(57)Abstract:

**PURPOSE:** To obtain a builder for a detergent, composed of a water-soluble polymer containing a specific structural unit, excellent in chelating and dispersing ability, detergency and safety and useful as a household detergent, etc.

**CONSTITUTION:** The builder for a detergent is composed of a water-soluble polymer containing a structural unit of formula I (R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are H or a substituent group containing carbon; at least one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is CH<sub>2</sub>COOX<sup>1</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> COOX<sup>2</sup>, etc.; Z<sup>1</sup> is H or CH<sub>3</sub>; Z<sup>2</sup> is CO or CH<sub>2</sub>; X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are H, monovalent metal, bivalent metal, etc.), e.g. a copolymer of formula II [A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> are H, methyl, etc.; A<sup>3</sup> is H, methyl, etc.; X<sup>10</sup> is X<sup>1</sup>; (n/m) is (20/80) to (98/2)]. Furthermore, the builder for the detergent and a surfactant for the detergent are contained to afford the detergent composition.

